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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The references listed on the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 23, 2003 and February 16, 2006 have been considered by examiner; see attached PTO-1449.

Specification

3. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1, 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mizutani et al. (U.S.P.G. Pub 2002/0093480).

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As to claim 1, Mizutani discloses a display system (C), comprising: an active matrix type display panel (P); a data driver (13) that drives data lines (11) of the display panel; and a scan driver (12) that scans scan lines of the display panel (see [0052], [0053]).

Mizutani teaches the data driver (11) outputs a drive voltage (source potential 11, Fig 10) corresponding to a predetermined gray scale value (i.e. pixel electrode having different gray level) to the data lines (11) during a frame period that includes a second and subsequent frames (F12 and F21, see Fig 9), the second frame being the next frame after a first frame (F11) where a display stopping signal (whole reset timing 102) is input, then outputs a non-display voltage (ground potential) to the data lines after the frame period ends when the display stopping signal for stopping an image display of the display panel is input ([0100],[0102]), and the scan driver (12) outputs a selecting voltage (pulses in 1-st, n-th gate line) to the scan lines, and scans the scan lines during the first frame and the frame period, and outputs a non-selecting voltage to all of the scan lines after the frame period ends (i.e. black states or blank gradations) (see [0101],[0102]).

As to claim 9, this claim differs from claim 1 only in that the limitation display driver method is additionally recited in the preamble.

As to claim 10, Mizutani teaches the display system according to claim 1, wherein the display stopping signal is at least one of: an initializing signal (whole reset

timing 102) for the data driver; in which drive for the data lines is stopped (see [100],[101],[102]).

As to claim 11, Mizutani teaches the display system according to claim 1, wherein a drive voltage corresponding to the predetermined gray scale value is a drive voltage corresponding to gray scale value of 0 (black gradation, see [0101]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 2-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mizutani et al. (U.S.P.G. Pub 2002/0093480) in view of Glen et al. (U.S. Patent 6,067,083).

As to claim 2, note the disclosure of Mizutani above. This claim differs from claim 1 in that the limitation "first frame synchronization circuit", "second frame synchronization circuit" and "OFF data control circuit" are additionally recited. Mizutani teaches an OFF data output circuit (whole-reset power source) as recited in the claim (see [0101]). Mizutani does not teach "first frame synchronization circuit" and "second frame synchronization circuit." Glen does teach "first frame synchronization circuit (h-

sync delay circuit 81)” and “second frame synchronization circuit (v-sync delay circuit 83).” (see Fig 2)

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have used the synchronization structures of Glen in addition to the display system of Mizutani in order to, “making video graphics circuits more efficient.” (Glen col. 2, lines 27-34).

Claim 5 differs from claim 2 only in that the limitation “scan driver” recited in claim 2 is deleted. Thus, claim 5 is broader than claim 2 and is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claim 2 above.

Claims 3, 7 are analyzed as previously disclosed with respect to claim 10 because they recite the same limitations

Claims 4, 8 are analyzed as previously disclosed with respect to claim 11 because they recite the same limitations

As to claim 6, Mizutani teaches the data driver (13) according to claim 5, wherein the scan control signal (whole writing pulse 9) is output to the scan driver (12) that scans scan lines (8) of the display panel (P), and the scan driver (12) outputs a selecting voltage to the scan lines, and scans the scan lines based on the scan control

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signal during the first frame and the frame period, and outputs a non-selecting voltage to all of the scan lines after the frame period ends (see Fig 9).

Conclusion

Nishimura (U.S. Patent 7,173,599) and Tamura (U.S.P.G. Pub 2003/0189539) are cited to teach blanking circuit .

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Calvin Ma whose telephone number is (571)270-1713. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 - 5:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chanh Nguyen can be reached on (571)272-7772. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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